

ANALYSIS OF MOLINEUX TRIAL.

Comparison of the Points Made by the State and the Results of the Defence's Efforts at Destroying Their Effects.

THE STATE'S ACCUSATION POSITION OF THE DEFENCE AND LINE OF PROOF. AND ITS LICE OF PROOF.

That Molineux is guilty because, for a motive, he hated Harry Cornish. Because he acted as a guilty man as soon as suspicion was directed against him. Because he is accused of writing the handwriting on the package of poison sent to Harry Cornish and administered to Mrs. Adams, causing her death. Because he wrote certain other writings, whose authorship he denies, which indicates the pursuit of a plot to poison Cornish.

That Molineux is innocent because his antipathy for Cornish did not furnish a murderous motive. Because he had acted as an innocent man as soon as suspicion was directed against him. Because not he, but some one else, wrote the address on the poison package. Because he is not the author of certain other writings indicating the pursuit of a plot to poison Cornish.

MOLINEUX enters this morning upon the third week of his trial. At this juncture, when the trial is well under way, and when the character of the prosecution is fairly well outlined by witnesses and the nature of the defence is partly revealed by cross-examination, it is a matter of interest to summarize the points sought to be made by both sides. This is done below. The prosecution believes that the defence has made two errors:

First—Mr. Weeks did not refute the assertion of Rudolph Helles that the witness had called at his office before Molineux had been arrested to offer his services in Molineux's behalf. Helles had written the Jacobs letter to Stearns & Co. about Harper. The State asks why Helles should have gone there at all if Molineux be innocent?

Second—Mr. Weeks did not deny that Mary Melando had called at his office about the blue paper long before any one had charged Molineux with having used such paper. The State asks, if Molineux had no knowledge of such paper, how could he have requested Mary Melando to visit Mr. Weeks?

The prosecution had brought out the following testimony up to the conclusion of last Friday's session, and the defence, by the contentions set out opposite the witnesses:

Dr. E. F. Hitchcock: Mrs. Adams died in his presence from a poison at the time unknown to him. Cornish was present and took a sip of the stuff he had poured out of a brown-salt bottle, becoming also ill.

By Rudolph Helles: That he had written, at Molineux's suggestion, a letter to Stearns & Co., Detroit, inquiring about Harper in language similar and in purpose identical with a letter signed "H. Cornish," alleged to have been written by Molineux.

By Frank C. McLaughlin, of Stearns & Co.: That Stearns & Co. received the letter, as placed in evidence from the copy book, Helles having destroyed the reply through friendship for Molineux.

By Helles on redirect: That he called at Mr. Weeks's office to aid him in any way to clear Molineux of guilt—this before Molineux was arrested.

By W. J. Kinsley, expert: That Molineux wrote the letter signed "H. Cornish," addressed to Stearns & Co., Detroit, inquiring about the character of A. A. Harper.

By Kinsley: That Molineux wrote a letter to Mrs. Sadie Harper, his friend, announcing his sudden engagement to Blanche Chesbro, following the death of H. C. Barnett, his rival, and alleged by the State also to have been poisoned by the defendant.

By Kinsley: That Molineux wrote letters to John D. Adams, secretary of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, and to his friend William Scheffer, giving reasons for his resignation from the club and indicating an antipathy for Cornish.

By Kinsley: That Molineux wrote at Kinsley's request copies of disputed handwriting, which requested writings prove Molineux to have written disputed writing.

By Kinsley: The Court admits into evidence as a standard of comparison a letter copied by Molineux from the Cornish letter in Kinsley's presence.

By Mary Melando, friend of Molineux for eleven years, and caretaker for his room: That she had destroyed a bit of Molineux's handwriting after keeping it a year when she saw the resemblance between it and reproductions of Molineux's writing in newspapers.

By Mary Melando: That she took from a sideboard drawer in Molineux's room in the Hermann paint factory, in Newark, three pieces of blue paper with the silver crecent, like that on which the "Cornish" letter was written.

By Mary Melando: That she conferred with Counsel Weeks in his office in New York as to the blue paper before any one saw she and Molineux knew such paper was in evidence, and that after this conference she was paid to stay out of the jurisdiction of the New York courts.

By Expert Kinsley: That the characteristics of the disputed handwriting which are missing in the requested or admitted handwriting did not disappear until after Molineux had conferred with Handwriting Expert Carvalho.

By Expert Kinsley: That \$1,700 he has received for his services is not exorbitant, and that raising chickens does not interfere with his capacity as an expert.

By Expert Kinsley: General assertion that all disputed writing was in hand of defendant, including address on poison package.

By Robert T. Holt, business associate of H. C. Barnett: That he, Blanche Sheehy, from Mrs. Molineux and H. C. Barnett drank champagne together in Barnett's room at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club.

By Edwin H. Barnett, brother of H. C. Barnett: That H. C. Barnett did not write a letter signed "H. C. Barnett," alleged by the State to have been written by Molineux.

By Expert Kinsley: A detailed analysis of the disputed handwriting and a letter-by-letter comparison of it with the address on the poison package show that Molineux, and Molineux only, wrote the words on the poison wrapper.

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ican flour is, however, that Russian trade with Turkey may not be injured. It now looks as if Turkey's attitude will be the cause of diplomatic negotiations which may become acute and sensational.

Will Reopen Old Copper Mine. Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 17.—The old Allington copper mine, half way between West Haven and Woodmont, which has been closed for seventy years, is to be reopened again. The mine was opened first in Revolutionary War times, but was closed owing to the low price of ore. A company comprised of West Haven men will be formed this week to again put the mine in operation. Experts say it will pay.

Old Policy at Koster's Again. The return to the old policy of straight vendue at Koster & Biel's last evening was marked by the approval of a large audience. Fine attractions in this line have been secured.

BOER WAR UP IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

A Resolution to Mediate the Trouble Arouses Deacon White.

IT IS BARRED OUT.

Dr. Hillis Sides with the Deacon and Colonel Hague Talks of Resigning.



The offer of an Anglo-Boer peace resolution in Plymouth Church yesterday precipitated a dispute between leading members of the congregation. Colonel Hague, a wealthy importer, living at the Hotel St. George, who was one of the Assembly candidates on the Democratic ticket last November, arrived at the church yesterday morning just as Deacon S. V. White and Dr. Hillis, the pastor, were shaking hands. He pulled from his pocket a resolution, which read:

Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, tenders fraternal feelings of deep sympathy with the bereaved families of England, and will cooperate in any movement of Concertual Church action to end war immediately by friendly mediation. Colonel Hague explained that he thought it would be wise for Plymouth Church to vote on the resolution and send it as a telegram to the three leading Congregational churches of England—the City Temple Church, of London; the City Church, of Liverpool; and the City Church, of Manchester. Deacon White shook his head emphatically. "It would not be in order to introduce that in a religious service," he said. "A similar thing was done during the war scare over the Venezuelan controversy," responded Colonel Hague.

"Yes, but by unanimous consent." "You can get unanimous consent in this case," persisted Colonel Hague. "That is the sentiment of every member of Plymouth Church." Deacon White then appealed to Dr. Hillis, who agreed with the deacon. "There's a time for peace and a time for war," quoted Deacon White. "When we were in trouble a year ago England did not help us. Such a resolution should only be brought before the Board of Trustees, and I'll bet you \$250 to a cent that you could not pass it."

Then Colonel Hague threatened to leave the church. Deacon White smiled, and there the matter ended for the present.

FALSE ALARM OF A GREAT FIRE DISASTER.

Police Report That a Steamboat Was Burning Found to Have Little Foundation.

"Steamboat on fire! Hundreds of people drooping! In the Sound, off Oak Point, Foot East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street!" This was the telephone message received at Police Headquarters from the seventy-sixth precinct, Queens Borough, Brooklyn, last night.

All the reserves from the Morrisania and Alexander avenue stations were sent to the spot indicated at once. Firemen and Harbor hospitals were notified to forward all their ambulances.

Scores of reporters hurried there, and all the fire engines in the vicinity were called out. There was no steamboat on fire and not a life was in danger.

There was one old abandoned bathhouse on shore burned to the ground.

Tablet Unveiled at Greenwich. Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 17.—At the morning service at Christ Episcopal Church here this morning a marble and bronze tablet, beautiful in design, was unveiled by the rector, the Rev. George Thompson. The tablet is a gift in memory of the Rev. Benjamin M. Varrington, the former rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, New York City, who died in 1898.

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HOW LAND BOARD ADS GRABBERS.

List of Grants by State Commissioners of Property Under Water in This City Since the New Charter Went Into Effect.

Here is a list of the grants of land under water within the limits of Greater New York made by the State Land Board since the new city charter went into effect. The grant, in each case, was opposed by the city authorities:

GRANTEES AND LOCATION.	AREA IN ACRES.	PRICE.
Florian Rohe, Arverne, Queens.....	2 28-100	\$297.00
John K. Jay, et al., Westchester.....	104 32-100	1,085.35
Charles S. Yonchies, Bush Meadows, Kings.....	8 46-100	\$25.00
Edward A. Whittemore, et al., Long Island City.....	Dock	50.00
Edmond A. Ferguson, Jamaica Bay, Kings.....	475	4,700.00
American Yacht Club, Queens.....	25	\$325.85
Catharine S. Lewis and Mary Anne Vail, Oyster Bay		
Queens.....	9 1-10	264.00
Mary C. Bristol, Oyster Bay, Queens.....	30 88-100	1,235.50
Adele L. Allen, Westchester.....	3 107-1000	108.00
Margaret R. Bateman, Gravesend Bay, Kings.....	3 609-1000	182.63
Patrick J. Mara, Flushing Bay, Queens.....	Dock	50.00
Mary A. Burnett, Ravenswood, Queens.....	Dock	50.00
Wesleyan University, Ravenswood, Queens.....	Dock	50.00
American Seamen's Friends' Society, Ravenswood,		
Queens.....	Dock	50.00
John S. Drake and Edmund M. Post, Port Richmond,		
Richmond.....	2 3-8	150.00
William M. Thomas, Flushing Bay, Queens.....	22 15-100	332.25
Hannah E. Crown, Newark Bay, Richmond.....	2 1-100	106.00
Haberman, Mfg. Co., Maspeth Creek, Queens.....	172,256	300.00
Water and Oliver G. Jennings, Whitestone, Queens.	14 188-1000	354.95
David W. Panton, Long Island City.....	247-1000	247.00
Dorothy A. Dreier, Gravesend Bay, Kings.....	44-100	264.00
Joseph J. Kittel, Coney Island.....	8 6-100	483.00
William J. Howard, Jamaica Bay, Queens.....	27 1-2	275.00
Louis Quien and Charles H. Moore, Newark Bay,		
Richmond.....	1 906-1000	500.00
Agnes and John G. Ager, Westchester.....	5 8288-10000	417.87
Lillia Babbitt Hyde, et al., Long Island City.....	15,296	250.00
Rockaway Park Improvement Co., Rockaway Beach	43 1135-10000	2,155.68
N. Y. & Rockaway Beach Ry. Co., Rockaway Beach	17 110-1000	680.44
Jeremiah P. Robinson, Gowanus Bay, Kings.....	Dock	50.00
Astoria Heat, Light & Power Co., Astoria, Queens.....	16 31-100	3,508.50
Joseph Donovan, et al., Kill von Kull, Richmond.....	3-100	200.00
James Douglas, Bronx.....	10 81-100	2,200.00
Total acreage (excluding docks).....	848 37-100
Total paid State (excluding fees for docks).....	\$21,175.07
Square feet.....

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CLOSE ON SUNDAY.

Cadmus Held for Homicide.

Small Appropriation Blow of His Fist, It Is Alleged, Caused Lynch's Death.

Henry L. Cadmus, a son of W. H. N. Cadmus, a prominent Republican politician in Brooklyn, was arraigned in the Butler Street Court yesterday charged with homicide. The row which ended in the death of John Lynch, a car conductor, of No. 249 Twenty-third street, grew out of a dispute over the McFadden fight at the Broadway Athletic Club on the night of December 8.

Cadmus, whose home is in No. 213 Elgin street, was reading off the fight returns from the ticker in the saloon of James Dowdell, at No. 738 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn.

Cadmus suggested that McFadden was getting whipped. Lynch offered to bet \$10 the other way. Later, it is alleged, he kicked up a cross sea that did not leave a dry spot on the floor's exposed decks.

It was Thursday evening when the storm showed signs of abating. La Aquitaine has had a varied career. As the Normanna she was sold by the Hamburg-American line to an English firm, and by the French line purchased the vessel to take the place of the lost Bourgogne.

Passengers on La Aquitaine included Mme. Chartrain, wife of the noted French painter, who arrived here a week ago. She was met by her husband at Quarantine.

HARPER EXHAUSTED IN TRYING TO RAISE \$1,000,000.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Because of overwork in the endeavor to raise one million dollars before January 1, President Harper, of the University of Chicago, was unable to deliver the commencement address to the graduating class this afternoon. The amount necessary to insure the receipt of the \$1,000,000 given principally by John D. Rockefeller has not yet been secured, and in seven days the time limit will expire.

The President attended vespers and announced that he found that he had no address ready and that he was too tired in body and mind to prepare one. He called, therefore, on Dr. Albion W. Small, head professor in the Department of Sociology.

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THEY WED TWICE BUT KEPT IT DARK.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Seckel Are Doubly Surprised.

TWO SECRETS IN ONE.

Wife After Long Study Adopts the Faith of Her Husband.

SECKEL—GARRAWAY—Clendine, on Sunday evening, January 8, 1900, in Jersey City, N. J., the union of the late Judge Jacob Seckel, on Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in New York City, and his daughter, Mrs. Seckel, who was married to Harry W. Seckel, of New York City, on Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in New York City, was celebrated. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Seckel, of the Temple Church, New York City, and was attended by a large number of friends.

After two years of married life Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seckel yesterday made their secret known to the world.

Mr. Seckel, a commercial traveler, is a member of a prominent Hebrew family in this city. His mother lives at No. 67 East Sixty-first street. He met Miss Garraway during the summer of 1897. There was a difference of religion between the two families and the young people, fearing opposition, agreed to a secret civil marriage.

Seckel soon told the news of his marriage to his family. They accepted the situation gracefully, but insisted that a religious marriage be performed. The bridegroom sought out Rabbi Ketter and asked him to perform the ceremony.

"Not until your wife understands the teachings of our faith," said the rabbi. Seckel then took his bride to Chicago, and for nearly a year they lived with his aunt there. A year ago they returned to New York and sought out the rabbi, who, convinced, a few questions, that Mrs. Seckel had obtained an understanding of the religion and had embraced it, willingly married them.

The returned to Chicago, still keeping the secret, and again visited New York last week. There was a family consultation and it was decided to publish the marriage to the world.

Hence the advertisement which appeared yesterday.

MAINE'S VICTIMS WILL BE DISINTERRED TO-DAY.

Battle Ship Texas Reaches Havana to Bring the Bodies Here for Burial.

Havana, Dec. 17.—The United States battle ship Texas, Captain Sigsbee commanding, has arrived here and Captain Greene, commandant of the naval station, has conferred with Captain Sigsbee with regard to the removal from Colon Cemetery of the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster. The present intention is to remove the bodies with as little ceremony as possible.

The work of disinterment will begin tomorrow morning. Each coffin will be enclosed in a metal casket and be surrounded by a disinfecting compound. The caskets will be removed during the night to the naval station, where they will be taken to the ship, which, it is expected, will take place on Wednesday night or on Thursday at daybreak.

The Texas then will leave at once. Father Childwick will identify the coffins as they are taken from the ground, having a chart showing the exact location of each.

Choked to Death with Hiccoughs.

Danbury, Dec. 16.—Stephen Drew, an aged farmer, is dead. He was taken with a violent attack of hiccoughs, six weeks ago. He hiccoughed constantly, a paroxysm occurring every few seconds. Early to-day he was taken with an unusually violent spasm and choked to death.

BABY IS BORN AT SEA.

The Cunarder Etruria, from Liverpool and Queenstown, brought a little traveler to port yesterday whose name was not on the passenger lists. The little stranger, a girl, and the youngest voyager on board, was born to Mrs. Henry Smith, in the second cabin, last Monday, when the Etruria was plunging through a stiff head sea.

Mother and child went in good health when they landed yesterday. Mrs. Smith was accompanied by her husband and three little daughters, besides the new arrival. Mr. Smith was in the driver's seat in London and he will start in business here.

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